

# *Celebrating the Life of Yusef Jamal Dinkins*

**Sunrise**  
**August 30, 1988**

**Sunset**  
**March 27, 2022**



**Friday, April 8, 2022 - 2pm**

**Evergreen Church of God in Christ**

**172 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233**

**Rev. Jeremy Gatlin, Officiating**

**Charles Minor, Organist**

# Obituary

**Yusef Jamal Dinkins II** also known as “U PAC” was a caring Son, Grandson, Father, Boyfriend, Brother, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin, Godfather and Friend.

He was born to Yusef Dinkins, Sr. and Stephanie Padgette on August 30, 1988. He was the eldest of 11 siblings. He graduated from Lincoln High School. Yusef was raised in Red Hook in the household by his grandmother along with 6 of his siblings for 33 years. He helped his grandmother provide for his siblings, whatever ever they asked for he got it for them.

Yusef believed so much in his community, he would help any and everyone. If someone needed anything he would give it. He has given his shoes off his feet and the clothes off his body just because someone needed it more than him. Many people in the community loved and adored him. Everyone was Kings and Queens to him.

Yusef loved music, specifically Hip Hop and R&B, artists, and songs spanning in the 80's, 90's and early 2000's. He also secretly enjoyed a life-long passion for cooking. His most favorite dish to make was baked mac & cheese.

On November 22, 2015, he started dating the love of his life, Jessie Tapia. In 2016, they proceeded to have his only child, Trinity Mariah Dinkins. Yusef loved his daughter more than anything. He always called her his blessing. The bond between the two could not only be seen, but it could be felt from others around them.

Yusef touched the lives of so many people in such a short amount of time. He was able to accomplish much before his untimely passing. Selflessness and generosity were two traits that highlighted his personality.

Sadly, Yusef left the world on Sunday, March 27, 2022. He was preceded by his father, Yusef Dinkins, Sr.; his grandmothers, Vermedic Holt and Yvonne Dinkins; and his uncle, Harry Holt IV. He leaves behind to cherish his precious memories: his mother, Stephanie Padgette; his grandfather, Carl Dinkins; his daughter, Trinity Dinkins; his significant other, Jessie Tapia; his siblings, Jeremiah Dinkins, Joseph Padgette, Janeequa Dinkins, Atiya Winston (Jerlon Winston), Ashanti Avery, Anthony Avery II, Anthon Avery, Amani Yeboah, Jordan Smith, Asia Hodges and Isis Hodges; his aunts, Sharine Dinkins, Phyllis Yard (Laid Yard) and Trina Sanders; his uncle, Jeffery Holt; his nephew, Anthony Avery III; his godchildren, Jaleya Graves, Jayla Sostre and Nico Lozada; and he leaves behind many cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

**Master of Ceremony**

**Organ Prelude**

**Family Processional**

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Scripture Readings**

Old Testament - Psalm 90:1-5

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 16:53-57

**Solo/Selection**

**Special Reading**

Atiya Winston

**Words of Expressions**

Friends

**Words of Reflections**

Family

**Acknowledgment of Cards**

Destiny Caldwell

**Reading of the Obituary**

Amani Yeboah

**Solo/Selection**

**Eulogy**

Pastor Jeremy Gatlin  
Pastor of Kingdom Life Center

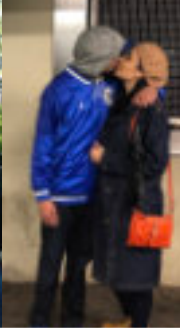
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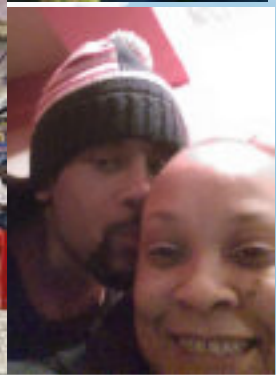
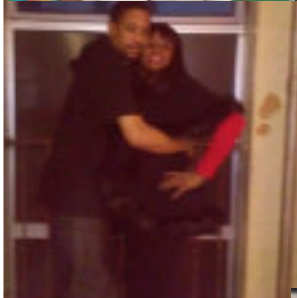
**Benediction**

**Recessional**

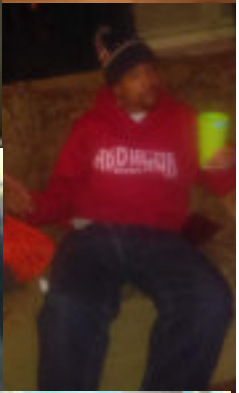
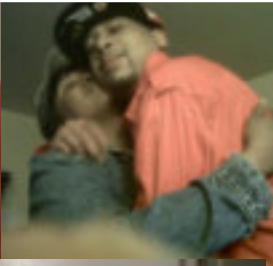
**INURNMENT:**

Greenwood Crematory  
Brooklyn, New York









# I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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